



Preschool and School Immunization Requirements

In accordance with the Rhode Island Department of Health *Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization and Testing for Communicable Diseases* (R23-1-IMM), the minimum number of doses of required immunizations for children entering pre-kindergarten are:

Requirements for All Children Entering Pre-Kindergarten:

- Three (3) doses of hepatitis B vaccine
- Four (4) doses of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) vaccine
- Three (3) doses of polio vaccine
- One (1) dose of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine
- Four (4) doses of Pneumococcal Conjugate
- Four (3/4) doses of Hib or completed series
- One (1) dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine *or* a statement signed by your child's doctor stating that your child has a history of chickenpox disease.

New Requirements for All Children Entering Kindergarten:

- Three (3) doses of hepatitis B vaccine
- Five (5) doses of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) vaccine
- Four (4) doses of polio vaccine
- Two (2) doses of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine
- Two (2) doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine *or* a statement signed by your child's doctor stating that your child has a history of chickenpox disease.

New Requirements for All Children Entering 7th Grade:

- Booster dose Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine, if it has been 5 years or more since the last dose of diphtheria-tetanus containing vaccine.
- Four (4) doses of Polio vaccine
- Two (2) doses of MMR vaccine (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- Three (3) doses of hepatitis B vaccine.
- Two (2) doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine *or* a statement signed by your child's doctor stating that your child has a history of chickenpox disease.
- One (1) dose of Meningococcal conjugate (Meningitis) vaccine.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT FLU VACCINATION **Seasonal Flu Vaccine**

The Health Department strongly suggests all children receive the seasonal influenza (flu) vaccine this year. The flu is a contagious respiratory illness that can cause mild to severe sickness, and at times lead to hospitalization and even death. The best way to prevent the flu is to get a vaccination each year.

www.health.ri.gov/immunization/schools.php

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